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Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

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Under the Distinguished Patronage of H. F. J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

THIS EVENING, THURSDAY, December 11, 1879.

BENEFIT of Signor CAGLI, Popular Opera

"La Traviata."

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KELLY and WALSH'S.

Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del2

FANCY BAZAAR.

THE French SISTERS of CHARITY respectfully invite all their Friends to visit the Bazaar on behalf of the CHINESE ORPHANS UNDER THEIR CARE.

The Bazaar will take place at the FRENCH CONVENT, QUEEN'S ROAD, Wan-chi, on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at 3 p.m., and will Close on TUESDAY Evening.

Hongkong, December 9, 1879. del3

INAUGURAL CONCERT.

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

A Vocal and Instrumental CONCERT will be given in the

NEW TEMPERANCE HALL, Fletcher's Buildings, Queen's Road, on

THEURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, AT 8.30 P.M.

The proceeds to be devoted to the

Finance of the Institution.

Prizes will be issued.

Tickets—Price \$1—may be had from

Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., who will also receive donations to the funds of the Hall.

Hongkong, December 10, 1879. del19

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-

structions from H. M. Naval STORE-

KEEPER to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 15th December, 1879, at Noon, at

H. M. Naval Yard,

OLD SUNDRY Condemned Naval,

Victualling and Medical STORES, comprising:—

Old Iron, Steel Files, Hoses, Boats,

Lignum Vitæ, Glass, Knives, Imple-

ments, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1879. del15

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE,

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through

rates for all Australasian and New

Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamer

"ORUSADER,"

T. Rowin, Commander, will

be despatched an above on

or about the 24th Instant, instead of as

previously notified.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
BEG to announce the ARRIVAL of the
following FIRST CLASS
STORES, &c.
EX. "OCEANIC,"
"LORD OF THE ISLES,"
And Other Late Arrivals.

Fine California BUTTER in Rolls.

Good Cooking BUTTER in Kegs.

Pine Apple CHEESE.

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Sap Sage CHEESE.

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SMALON BELLES.

Family PIG PORK and BEEF in Kegs.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Boneless and Good Dry CODFISH.

SAUERKRAUT in Kegs.

Finest CAVIARE and SARDELLES.

Fresh APPLES.

"Ne Plus Ultra" APPLE RINGS.

HICKORY NUTS.

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COMB HONEY in Frames.

Pure Orange BLOSSOM HONEY.

BROTHAM'S TURKEY & TONGUE.

Do. LUNCH TONGUE.

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L. McNEIL & LIBBY's Compressed

HAM.

L. McNEIL & LIBBY's Corned BEEF.

L. McNEIL & LIBBY's Compressed

TONGUE.

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Assorted Devilled MEATS.

Baked PORK and BEANS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER

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CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s OVS-

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OATMEAL in Casks.

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Cracked WHEAT.

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CUTTING's Assorted JELLIES in Glass

Pots.

CUTTING's Assorted DESSERT FRUITS.

Do. QUEEN'S OLIVES.

Do. PICKLED LIMES.

Do. STUFFED PEPPERS.

Do. ASPARAGUS.

Do. Assorted CORNED VEGETABLES.

Do. Assorted PICKLES.

Do. Assorted SAUCES.

White BEANS.

Split PEAS.

MESS' PORK and BEEF.

BORDEN'S Condensed MILK

(very fresh).

&c., &c., &c.

CROUSE & BLACKWELL'S

HOUSEHOLD STORES.

MULSOW'S

Assorted German SAUSAGES.

Do. Do. VEGETABLES.

Long ASPARAGUS (very fine).

PHILIPPE & CANAUD'S

SARDINES. Assorted PATES.

JOHN MOIR & SONS'

Celebrated FAMILY STORES.

Game PIES, Veal and Ham PIES.

Truffled SAUSAGES.

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Pork SAUSAGES. SAVOLEYS.

Salmon CUTLETS (in Indian Sauce).

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The Latest and most Popular

NOVELS,

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Breech loading Central Fire FOWLING

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Electro-Plated "British Bull Dog" REVOLVERS.

SMITH AND WESSON'S REVOLVERS.

COLT'S DERRINGER PISTOLS AND

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CARTRIDGES, &c., &c.

Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

Intimations.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., AGENTS.

FOR SALE, Large and Small COAL.
Apply at the OFFICES, No. 7, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL; or, to
THOS. G. GLOVER, East Point.
Hongkong, December 1, 1879. del1

YOUNG CHUN CHONG.—I was a
Steward on board the Princess Charlotte
nearly 15 Years. The Dr. (BENNETT)
had shown me to make MILK PUNCH WINE,
and I have followed doing the same and used
Superior Materials or Stuff which may be drank
at any time without pernicious effect. Now
I wish to be established on shore.—No. 62,
WELLINGTON STREET.
QUAN CHEONG.
Hongkong, December 2, 1879. del2

LOST.

A PARCEL of MANLA LOTTERY
TICKETS ex Esmeralda from
MANILA, November 11th, containing the
following Numbers, for the December
drawing:—

28 Tickets,.....No. 1,940 @ 1,962
23 " " 2,623 " 2,045
23 " " 3,768 " 3,790
23 " " 4,397 " 4,410
23 " " 5,848 " 5,870
24 " " 6,196 " 6,219
24 " " 7,790 " 7,813
24 " " 8,479 " 8,503
24 " " 9,081 " 9,104
24 " " 10,471 " 10,494
24 " " 11,496 " 11,519

The Manila Government have been noti-

fied of the Loss, and any Prizes which may

be drawn on the above Tickets will not be paid.

The Finder will be suitably Rewarded, if

necessary, by Returning the package to the

Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879.

LOST.

A SMALL Black and Tan TERRIER,
answers to the name of "PUNCH,"
Small white spot on breast.
\$5 Reward will be given.

Address: No. 12, Praya Fast.

Hongkong, November 18, 1879.

RETRIEVER & CO.

Hongkong, December 6, 1879. del18

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

S. S. A N A D Y R.

NOTICE.

THE S. S. Moray having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 11, 1879. del18

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "NIIGATA MARU," FROM
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-

ing on board after TUESDAY, the 9th Instant, will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

mitsu Bishi M. IL S. Co.,

6, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 8, 1879. del15

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL,
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. del14

To-day's Advertisements.

KO SING THEATRE.
A N Interesting and Skilful PERFORMANCE
played by the Chinese Actor

S A E T S A I Y U N G

of the
PO YEE I CLASS

will be Held in KO SHING THEATRE, No.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to direct that the following days be observed as public holidays throughout the Government Departments,—Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Friday, the 26th December, and New Year's Day.

The thermometer at the Harbour Master's Office during the week ending Friday, 5th December, registered a maximum of 76 on that day and a minimum of 66 on the 2nd and again on the 3rd. The thermometer at the Peak during the same week registered a maximum of 68 on Sunday and Tuesday and a minimum of 59 on Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

The table of the hours which will be observed in closing the contract mails by the British and French Packets is now published officially. On English mail day, as we before explained, the steamer leaves at 11 p.m. The mail closes then, save for late letters, at 10 o'clock. From 10.10 to 10.30 letters may be posted with a late fee of 18 cents; then the office closes entirely and later letters may be posted only on board the packet with late fee of 18 cents from 10.40 till time of departure. At 5 p.m. on the day of departure the money order office closes, and the post-office also till 8 p.m., so that no stamps can be purchased or enquiries made then. The night box, which is always open out of office hours, is available, of course, during the interval. The registry of letters ceases at 9 p.m., which is the latest hour up to which the posting of all printed matter and patterns can be effected. On French mail days which are also to be Wednesdays the steamer leaves at noon. Registration closes at 5 p.m., on the previous day. The post-office opens on mail day at 7 a.m., the registry of letters is allowed only for three hours after that, and at 11 a.m. the posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. The mail closes, as now, for all save letters with late fee at 11, and these are received from 11.10 to 11.30. From 11.40 till time of leaving letters may be posted on board the packet with a late fee of 18 cents.

A HOMICIDE seems to have been perpetrated last night, for which it is to be hoped, some one will be brought promptly to suffer. The body of a woman, with no clothing covering it, save an under jacket, was found in the water opposite the naval coal sheds at Kowloon. Eight incised wounds, five in the throat and three in the abdomen, all of them having the appearance not of cuts but of stabs inflicted by a two-edged dagger, were found on her body, manifestly sufficient to cause death, and certainly not self inflicted. The body is that of a woman say 35 years of age, a good looking, well nourished woman; but there is, of course, no indication by the one garment she wore as to what class of life she belonged to. She had had a luxurious crop of hair and this was brought over her face, as far as the chin, knotted and parted across the mouth, the two loose ends thus left being bound round her head and tied at the back of the neck. This would have prevented her screaming even while a deadly assault was being committed on her. A blood-battered boat, no doubt the scene of the crime, was picked up later on by the Water Police off Peddar's Wharf. This "exhibit" in the case, is an ordinary sampan such as ply in the harbour, and it bears the number 3618, but this is the license number of the last year's register. It has not, so far as the authorities are aware or the records show, been a licensed sampan this year. One of the sureties for the holder of license 3618 of last year has been found and has gone to the hospital with a view to ascertaining whether the body is that of any one he knew. Strict enquiry in You-mah-ti has failed to ascertain that any woman is missing from there. Those who have been concerned in this crime have presumably deserted the boat and fled, after tossing the corpse of their victim into the water. The fact of the body being almost naked points perhaps to the possibility of a provocation for the homicide which, probably more than mere hot-blood, scuffling or anything of the kind, reduces the gravity of the offence to manslaughter. The case will require careful looking into. If what is the generally accepted theory of the crime be correct, another body, a man's, may probably be yet found in the harbour. The Police are searching for the owner of the boat and the husband or relatives or friends of the deceased, whose body has not yet been identified. No arrest has yet been made. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

THE FATAL COLLISION BETWEEN THE S. S. AMOY AND A JUNK.

FINDING OF THE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

The finding of the Marine Court appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the collision between the British Steamship *Amoy*, Official Number 68,490, and the Hongkong Licensed Fishing Junk No. 1,645, is published in the *Gazette*. It is as follows:—

We find that the Hongkong Licensed Fishing Junk, No. 1,645, owned by Ho Shun Hoi, was run into and capsized by the British Steamship *Amoy*, Official Number 68,490, George Hermann Drewes, Master, between 11 and 12 p.m. of the 2nd October, 1879, while the said vessels were about 20 miles W.S.W. of Cheung point, causing the total loss of the junk and also the death by drowning of—Ho Shun Hoi, aged 50 years; Shek Sz, aged 48; Ho Shun Tai, aged 6; Ho I, aged 2; Ho Pat, aged 4; and Chung Shing, aged 27.

The Master is entirely exonerated. The Chief Mate, Francis Phillip Aubin, is at fault for not having lowered a boat and gone to the junk to see if the persons on board required any assistance, but his not having done so is partially accounted for by the fact of there being other junks round her.

We are of opinion that the collision is due to want of proper care and skill on the part of Mr. James John Sullivan, Second Mate and officer of the watch, and we therefore adjudge that the certificate of competency of James John Sullivan, No. 630 of Hongkong, be suspended for a period of three months from this date.

Opium Farmer, who is just now on a visit to Canton, had been seized, sent to jail and put in chains by order of a Mandarin whose name is also given. No offence was charged, it was said; the moving cause of this act of tyranny and injustice being the simple fact that the son of this said Mandarin, coming down the other day to Canton, and opium being found in his possession when his person and his luggage were searched, was prosecuted at the instance of the Opium Farmer and fined by the Magistrate. For this the Opium Farmer, the story went, was thrown into jail at Canton, loaded with chains and submitted to insults and indignities. From this position he would not be released, he was told, until the fine the Mandarin's son had paid were recouped and a handsome squeeze to boot. As a littoral Subject, a Singaporean, he had appealed to the British Consul, and there was no saying what were not to be the consequences of this grave contravention of international law. As it turns out, of course there is not a word of truth in this report. The Opium Farmer is at Canton and is, up till the last opportunity, in communication with his people here. What they set this huge lie a going hoped to accomplish by inducing a belief in the mind of the community to the effect indicated, it is difficult to make out. It means one of two things—either that the Opium Farmer has malicious enemies who for private spleen or for trade purposes are willing to adopt the meanest tricks to annoy and probably harm him, or that there is a sore feeling in Canton with regard to some recent cases in which respectable visitors to Hongkong are supposed or believed to have been fined for having in their possession small quantities of opium which they had, ignorant of the law, brought with them here, declaring it to be for their own use. We believe the former explanation is the true one. The point as to the latter possible ground of complaint was raised in the Council the other day by the Hon. W. Kewick, but the Opium Ordinance in its new form makes no change in the law. The matter is left entirely to the discretion of the Magistrate.

An enclosure in a despatch from the Secretary of State to the Governor, dated 25th October, relating to the mail contract, is published in the *Gazette*. It simply bears out what we have already stated as to the arrangements. The G. P. O. writes:—

When the Governor's Despatch was written, the scheme for despatching the mail packets under the new contract was not drawn out, as it is only within the last few days out, that the contractors have submitted a time table for His Lordship's approval. That table is based upon a departure from Bombay on a fixed day (Saturday) throughout the year, the Indian Government having insisted upon such an arrangement, and according to it the homeward packet will leave Hongkong, on Wednesdays from 17th December, to the 7th April inclusive; on Saturday, the 17th April, and the 1st May, respectively; on Mondays from the 17th May to the 6th September inclusive; on Saturday, the 18th September; and thenceforward to the end of the year on Wednesdays. The hour of despatch throughout the year will be 11 P.M.

The following from the *Shanghai Courier* deals with a question of which we have had our experiences here and which is now agitating the authorities in the Model Settlement:—

An able seaman named William White, belonging to the British barque *Eme*, was brought before Mr Justice Wilkinson a week or two ago charged with having violently assaulted the Captain of his vessel at the gates of the British Consulate. Finding that he was a subject of the United States, His Worship sent him to the American Consulate for trial. The interesting point then arose whether an American subject, or the subject of any country who stood on the articles of a British ship, could not be tried in a British court of justice. If he could not, he had merely to get leave to go on shore to place himself beyond the reach of the English authorities. The United States Consul-General apparently thought he could be tried at the British Consulate, and some delay arose in disposing of the case of the man while the matter was being considered. Mr Justice Wilkinson, however, came to the conclusion, we believe, that he had better be tried by Mr Bailey, and he received a sentence of thirty days' imprisonment with hard labour.

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We are of opinion that the collision is due to want of proper care and skill on the part of Mr. James John Sullivan, Second Mate and officer of the watch, and we therefore adjudge that the certificate of competency of James John Sullivan, No. 630 of Hongkong, be suspended for a period of three months from this date.

The Court was composed of the following gentlemen all of whom sign the finding:—C. V. Creagh, Esq. Acting Police Magistrate; Captain H. G. Thomsett, R.N. Harbour Master, &c. Mr. H. L. Dalrymple, Unofficial Justice of the Peace; Captain E. Burnie, Government Marine Surveyor; Captain E. B. Blaker, Master and Commander of the British ship *Star of China*.

The following is the Governor's minute on the finding:—

In this case the Court have found that the Hongkong fishing junk No. 1,645 was run into and capsized by the British steamer *Amoy* on the 2nd of October last, causing the total loss of the junk and the death by drowning of three Chinese adults and three Chinese children.

The Court entirely exonerate the Master of the steamer, but think the Chief Mate was at fault in not having lowered a boat.

The Court have also found that the collision was due to want of proper care and skill on the part of the 2nd mate and officer of the watch of the steamer *Amoy*, and they adjudge that his certificate, No. 660 of Hongkong, be suspended for three months.

The proceedings of the Court have come before me in a letter from the Harbour Master in which he says, that as the certificate of the second mate has been suspended, the proceedings require my confirmation under paragraph 5, Section 24, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

I confirm the finding of the Court, as far as it declares that the Hongkong junk No. 1,645 was run into and capsized by the steamer *Amoy*, that the junk was totally lost and six persons drowned, and that the collision was due to want of proper care and skill on the part of the Second Mate and officer of the Watch of the steamer *Amoy*, who was on deck at the time, that he did not blow the whistle, nor order a backturn of the engines, nor lower a boat; I cannot confirm that portion of the finding of the Court relating to the Chief Mate, which in my opinion deals too leniently with that officer.

It appears from the Master's statement, as herein recorded, that other proceedings in this case have been settled by the payment of \$2,000 by Messrs. Stenszen & Co., the Agents of the *Amoy*. Looking to the somewhat unprotected position of the parties aggrieved, I cannot, as this matter has come officially before me, refrain from saying that the payment of \$2,000 is an inadequate compensation for the loss of the junk and the six lives, and that I am advised that, if there had been no such settlement, the parties aggrieved would probably recover in our Vice-Admiralty Court a larger sum.

THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.
The performance last night was for the benefit of Signor Borgomaschi, and the public showed their appreciation of that gentleman's great abilities as actor and vocalist, by honoring him with a well-filled house. The piece chosen for representation, Rossini's comic opera "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," was a happy hit, and proved an almost unqualified success, the whole of the performers being well up in their roles, and fairly able to do the opera justice. We have previously expressed the opinion that the members of Signor Cagli's company would be found better exponents of the lighter class of operatic pieces than of such heavy and impressive music as generally characterizes the tragic opera, and this opinion has been fully endorsed by the same artists who failed in *Faust* achieving a brilliant success in Rossini's sparkling comedy.

Il Barbiere was first produced at the Teatro Argentina, Rome, at the Carnival in 1816, and has thus reigned its great popularity for over sixty years. Never a season passes in London without several representations of this charming opera, and it is rather a singular fact that Adelina Patti, the first of operatic vocalists as she is the greatest operatic tragedienne on the stage, should have scored some of her greatest successes in the comic character of Rosina.

The action of the comedy lies in Seville, and we append a brief resume of the interesting argument.

The Count Almaviva, desperately in love with Rosina, the ward of Doctor Bartolo, after seducing his mistress, encounters Figaro, the Barber and factotum of the town, meddling busy-body; to him the Count confesses his love, and they mutually plot for the purpose of bringing about the introduction of Almaviva to the maiden. Rosina is strictly watched by her guardian, Doctor Bartolo, who cherishes a desire of wedding his ward himself; in this design he is assisted by Basilio, a music-master. Rosina returns the affection of the Count, in spite of the watchfulness of her guardian; she contrives to convey a letter to him, declaring her position, and her intention to break through her trammels, and at the same time requesting his name. To obtain an interview with his mistress, the Count disguises himself as a drunken soldier, and forces his way into Bartolo's house: Rosina has already been told by Figaro that the name of the Count is Signor Lindor. The disguise of Almaviva is discovered by the Guardian, the pretended soldier is placed under arrest, and the first Act concludes.

In the Second Act the Count again enters Bartolo's house, disguised as a music-master, pretending that he has been sent by Basilio to give a lesson in music, on account of the illness of the master. To obtain the confidence of Bartolo, he produces Rosina's letter to himself, and offers to persuade Rosina that the letter has been given to him by a mistress of the Count, and thus to break off the connection between the two. He obtains the desired interview, which proceeds satisfactorily, and Figaro manages to obtain the keys of the balcony, while at the same time an escape is determined on at midnight, and a private marriage arranged. In the meantime, Basilio himself makes his appearance, the lovers are disconcerted, and the Count makes his escape.

Bartolo, who possesses the letter of Rossina, written to the Count, succeeds, by producing it, in exciting the jealousy of his ward, who, while under the influence of his ward, discloses the plan of escape. Any Afghan found in the fortress at night which had been arranged, and agreed to, is shot.

Figaro and the Count make their appearance; and, after some confusion, the lovers are reconciled. A notary, procured by Bartolo, celebrates the marriage of the enamoured pair, immediately afterwards the guardian enters, accompanied by the officers of justice, into whose hands he is about to consign Figaro and the Count, when mutual explanations take place, and all parties are reconciled.

Signora Mandolini represented the brightly Rosina with much vivacity and naturalness, and well deserved the marks of approval which her clever acting frequently elicited. We have always considered the Signora a careful and deserving actress, but her excellent impersonation of Rosina was worthy of much higher praise than could fairly be awarded to any of her previous impersonations. The vocal requirements of the character were, as was to be expected, rather a severe strain on the artiste's powers, and although she fairly achieved all she attempted, it would be gross flattery to say more in her favor. The music was not too well suited to the Signora's voice, which is, by the way, more like a mezzo soprano than a prima contralto alto. However in the aria "Io sono docile non rispettosa," and in the duet with the Count "Contro un cor che accende amore," her efforts were decidedly meritorious.

The Count Almaviva of Signor Sbriccia was a man of great artistry, and his vocalisation was a great improvement on any of his previous impersonations, and in the duet with Rosina, "Ah! che d'amore," he fairly brought down the house. As we have not hesitated to harshly criticise Signor Sbriccia on various occasions when necessary, it gives us all the more pleasure to be able to award him high praise for his latest impersonation, which, both in singing and acting, was a decided success. The mannerisms and exaggerations which have hitherto so strongly and so unfavorably marked the Signor's style were happily conspicuous by their absence in Count Almaviva, and he acted throughout with great spirit and with good effect. Signor Cagli was an excellent Bartolo, reaching a high standard of general excellence. The chief characteristics of the worthy Doctor were depicted with much unctuous humour, the actor thoroughly identifying himself with the part, and proving himself in his own line a very useful man indeed. The buffo has the remains of what has been a first-rate voice, and his rendering of "Non più tacato" was deservedly applauded. The Basilio of Signor Bagaglioni was a conscientious but of character acting, which materially strengthened the cast, and added greatly to the actor's reputation as a good exponent of *basso-central* parts. This artist has always sung well and his delivery showed their appreciation of his efforts by vigorously applauding. Signor B. Genolini and Signor Sala were better than usual in minor roles, the lady especially singing in greatly improved style. The bonciocato appeared in the title rôle to much advantage; in fact, we have little doubt that Figaro is one of Signor Borgomaschi's very best impersonations. His sketch of the fussy barber, meddling with every body's affairs except his own, was hit off with humorous correctness, and the various phases of the character were delineated with artistic skill. Perfectly acquainted with both words and music, Signor Borgomaschi had no difficulty whatever in doing ample justice to his share of the music, and in the celebrated "Figaro" song obtained as usual a hearty encore, and more than deserved his comparative failure as *Mephistopheles* in *Faust*—a failure, we may add, which was entirely attributable to an imperfect acquaintance with the text of the opera. Signor Borgomaschi has deservedly won wide popularity in Hongkong, both as an artiste of high class and as a courteous gentleman and the patrons of these operatic performances, represented by the audience which filled the theatre last night, were not slow to recognise his claims to distinguished consideration.

The chorusses attempted were lamentably weak, but the management discreetly eliminated nearly the whole of the concerted music, and this, although to a great extent weakening the effect of the opera, was certainly preferable to spoiling Rossini's best music. The accompaniments were again most efficiently played, and Signor Turini's voice was happily seldom heard, although that gentleman conducted with his customary care and discretion.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Anadyr*, Capt. De Boisneuil Baron, arrived here this evening with London advices up to the 31st October, the same date as those brought on the P. & O. steamer *Peshawar*, which arrived here on Thursday last week. We take from the files to hand the following late telegraphic advices:—

INDIAN TELEGRAMS.
Lahore, Nov. 15.—Surgeon Major Thom, late Civil Surgeon at Jullundur, died here of alcoholic poisoning and an overdose of laudanum on Wednesday.

WHO STOLE THE HAT.
Lahore, Nov. 16.—The reason why the fine was not levied upon Kabul is that a close enquiry is being made as to the means of the inhabitants, when a complete sum will be named, which will be crushing. A proclamation will be issued in a few days, declaring the amount, and the Kabuleen will be told, at the same time, that the Bala Hisar will be leveled to the ground. All the money, goods, landed property, &c., of the men who were hanged, and of those who took a leading part against us, will be confiscated. A search is being made in all the districts for this property, which will go to swell a prize fund. A Prize Committee is now being appointed. The Shatargardan troops will share the spoil, which already exceeds ten lakhs.

Sindia, Nov. 18.—General Roberts telegraphed that a convoy of sick and wounded have started for India. All sick left in Kabul are well housed.

Defendants discharged.

A *Bombay Gazette* special from London says,—"The 'Central News' Agency publishes a telegram to the effect that Lord Lytton returns to England immediately."

The Court of Enquiry which sat to enquire into the charge of cruelty against the Ghorkas at Charara, made by Dr. Bourke, has been asked to explain why they did not report the matter officially.

Nov. 18.—The Bala Hisar is almost destroyed; the powder store remains.

Any Afghan found in the fortress at night

which had been arranged, and agreed to, is shot.

The Chinese community is to the effect that the

The "Central News" Agency has telegraphed to a Bombay paper that Lord Lytton's return to England is believed to be groundless.

The *Pioneer* understands that certain papers found at Kabul are calculated to excite very painful impressions concerning the nature of the recent relations between the Governor of Kabul and the Russian Cabinet.

Robert is gazetted a Lieutenant-General.

ALAHABAD KUTTRA. Nov. 22.—The report of the Commission left Kabul on the 18th. Whatever recommendation, either by the Commissioner or General Roberts, there may be, nothing has transpired here. The final decision as to Yakob Khan's guilt or innocence will be given by the Government; they will have before them a vast amount of evidence collected by Colonels Macgregor and Bell and Hyatt Khan. The only inference which can be drawn from the complicated story of the outbreak at Bala Hisar, the storming of the Residency, and the conduct of the Amer during and immediately after these events rests upon a foundation of intrigue and lying which is very

LAW.

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CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 29, 1879. de13

NOTICE.

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Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 12th December, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, December 1, 1879. de13

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Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 20, 1879. de24

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 13th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 4, 1879. de13

Mails.



STREAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *THIBET*, Captain P. H. TOBIN, will leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant, at 11 p.m.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1879. de19

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

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POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

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Hongkong, October 4, 1879. de630

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

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his firm on the 22nd August last,

and his INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY

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HERTON, EBELL & CO.

Holhow, November 15th, 1879.

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November 15th, 1879. de15

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Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 8, 1879. de8

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Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

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Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. de80

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